

fruits. the current of industry is  
 frequently  
 disturbed by strikes of workmen.  
 But the  
 increasing similarity of interests and  
 pursuits  
 tends to draw rich and poor together :  
 kindness  
 on the part of the well-to-do is the  
 more appreciated as it becomes more sympathetic  
 and less  
 patronizing. Moreover, the activity  
 which is  
 exercised upon material objects  
 appears incidentally to react upon the mind,  
 weakening the  
 instinct of cruelty and strengthening  
 that of  
 kindness. It certainly does not  
 arouse such  
 jealousy—that cruellest of emotions—  
 as is pro-  
 voked by struggles for social or  
 political precedence. So the Baltic races, in  
 wrestling with  
 substance, have found more abiding  
 visions of  
 the spirit than have been vouchsafed  
 to peoples  
 of less practical instinct. They have  
 led the  
 world in philanthropy as well as in  
 industry.  
 illustrating the fable in which a man's  
 heirs, by  
 digging for treasure in his orchard, find  
 in the im-  
 provement of its produce the gold  
 which his will  
 had promised them. Their wealth and  
 prosperity  
 have drawn upon them the eyes of  
 all other  
 peoples, and, by imitation, their cult  
 of the  
 material—and even their attitude  
 towards women  
 —have spread, and are spreading far  
 and wide  
 amongst nations that fall within the  
 pale of  
 Christendom. Outside this circle of  
 religious kin-

shin the ideas of Northern Europe are  
adopted  
much less eagerly : they can hardly be  
accented  
without some suspicion of disloyalty  
to <sup>creed.</sup>  
some sacrifice of natural pride. So  
Turkey <sup>hesi-</sup>  
tates to follow her Christian neighbours  
: <sup>and</sup> India  
lags in her standard of comfort.  
behind <sup>the</sup>  
humbler families of the British Isles.